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Honorable Clark T. Randt Jr.  
Ambassador  
United States Embassy  
Xiu Sui Bei Jie 3, 100600  
Via: [tesonekm@state.gov](mailto:tesonekm@state.gov) and 011 86 10 6532 6929

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Two prominent Colorado climbers, Charlie Fowler and Chris Boskoff, are missing in Western China and are seriously overdue on their return to the United States. Mr. Fowler and Mr. Boskoff were scheduled to return to the United States on December 4, 2006. The Office of American Citizen Services has been contacted and has been working with concerned friends and family. An organization, the Fowler-Boskoff Search Committee, has been formed to provide information and to raise funds for the search, including an air search of several mountain peaks.

After the two failed to return home on a flight as scheduled, American and Chinese authorities were contacted to investigate their whereabouts. Because of efforts on the part of the US Embassy in Beijing and the US Consulate in Chengdu, search operations have been initiated with ground teams in Sechuan and Yunan provinces.

The purpose of my letter is to request assurances that the efforts of United States Embassy to work with local Chinese officials will continue unabated. The Search Committee has been in recent contact with Katherine Lawson at the Embassy.

I thank you in advance for your efforts in this matter and if you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my Denver office at 303.455.7600.

Sincerely,



Ken Salazar  
United States Senator